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Honorable Louis L. Stanton United States District Court Judge Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St. New York, NY 10007-1312

> Re: Paul Philippe of Romania v. Christie's Inc. Case No. 1:25-cv-01151-LLS

Dear Judge Stanton:

As this Court is aware, our firm represents Defendant Christie's Inc. ("Christie's") in connection with the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to Section 1(E) of Your Honor's Individual Practices, we write to request a further adjournment of the Show Cause Hearing presently scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Plaintiff commenced this action seeking replevin of a painting, Saint Sébastien (the "Painting"), by the Spanish artist Doménikos Theotokópoulos, widely known as El Greco. On February 26, 2025, Christie's filed an interpleader counterclaim and third-party claim, adding two additional parties that have also asserted claims of ownership of the Painting (collectively with Plaintiff, "Claimants") [Dkt. No. 17]. As noted in this pleading, Christie's is currently in possession of the Painting and makes no claim of ownership to it. While the Claimants decide how to proceed, Christie's is willing to maintain possession of the Painting for another 120 days. Accordingly, Christie's respectfully requests that the Show Cause Hearing be adjourned to July 1, 2025 and that the temporary restraining order entered by the Court remain in place during this time.

This is Christie's second request for an adjournment. The Court granted Christie's first Court on February 11, 2025. We have consulted with Plaintiff's court. request on February 11, 2025. We have consulted with Plaintiff's counsel, who consents to the adjournment requested herein. Other than the Show Cause Hearing, no other dates have been scheduled in this matter.



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Accordingly, Christie's, with the consent of Plaintiff, respectfully requests that the Show Cause Hearing scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2025, be adjourned to July 1, 2025, or a future date determined by the Court. We thank the Court for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: All Counsel of Record